



**Parks and Recreation Committee
Regular Meeting
Minutes, August 3, 2015; 4:30 PM
Council Chambers**

ITEM 1

CALL TO ORDER: 4:28 PM – The meeting was called to order by Committee Liaison Public Works Director Chip Reeves. Committee members present were Eric Ankrom, Jeff Dobbs and Alan Mogridge. Another in attendance was Bar Harbor Town Planning Director Robert Osborne.

ITEM 2

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: As the first order of business for this new term year, Mr. Reeves opened the floor to nominations for Committee Chair:

Mr. Mogridge, with second by Mr. Ankrom, nominated Jeff Dobbs as Committee Chair; motion passed (3-0).

Chair Dobbs thereby took order of the meeting and continued to receive nominations for officers:

Mr. Ankrom, with second by Mr. Mogridge, nominated John Kelly as Committee Vice Chair; motion passed (3-0).

Mr. Mogridge, with second by Mr. Dobbs, nominated Mr. Ankrom as Committee Secretary; motion passed (3-0).

ITEM 3

A. Excused Absence(s): John Kelly and Deborah Page.

ITEM 4

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Mr. Ankrom moved, with second by Mr. Mogridge, to approve the Agenda; motion passed (3-0).

ITEM 5

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mr. Mogridge moved, with second by Mr. Ankrom, to approve the Minutes of June 1, 2015; motion passed (3-0).

ITEM 6 REGULAR BUSINESS

A. Request from the Wonderview Inn to Hold its Annual Vettes of Coastal Maine Car Display at the Athletic Field from 8:00 AM to 12 Noon on Saturday, June 4, 2016.

There was no representation from the applicant in attendance. The application fee and insurance liability certificate have been received for this annual event. The event plans and layout are the same as for previous years, and it was noted that the activity would be moved from the Athletic Field in the event of wet weather conditions. Chair Dobbs reviewed the application using the Findings of Fact Sheet.

Mr. Mogridge moved, with second by Mr. Ankrom, to approve the application; motion passed (3-0).

B. Other Discussion.

- Pickleball on Tennis Courts: Mr. Reeves reported that he has responded to resident Bonnie Lundquist's request for the painting of pink pickleball court lines on the public tennis courts, informing her that the cost of \$1,800 is not available in the FY16 budget. He suggested that the Committee target the expenditure for FY17. He explained that the courts are specially surfaced and require professional applications. Mr. Mogridge suggested to Ms. Lundquist that fundraising could add to any available funds and added that the MDI YMCA does offer pickleball games on a court close in size to a badminton court.

- Climate Ride Northeast: Chair Dobbs reported that a park use permit application for the event will be reviewed at the August 17, 2015, meeting. Mr. Reeves explained the proposal is for a bike event from Bar Harbor to Boston to raise climate awareness. Using the parking lot along with a portion of the Athletic Field, the event is a minor event. The local sponsor is Friends of Acadia.

- Tennis Lessons: Mr. Mogridge reported that the tennis lesson program is in progress on Monday and Thursdays for one and one-half hours. The program is offered in collaboration by the MDI YMCA and the North Shore Tennis Center.

- Mr. Mogridge's Absence in September: He will be out of the country from September 10 – 29, 2015.

- FY17 Parks and Recreation Budget: Mr. Reeves invited the Committee to begin thinking about the "wish list" for future projects. Budget season is in the fall, and he will present the operations and capital improvement program (CIP) budgets for the Committee's consideration before they go to the Town Council. The Grant Park Improvement project will be finalized, possibly in spring 2016, after the current Cromwell Harbor Bridge Replacement project is completed.

- Hadley Point Landing: Mr. Reeves reported that the ramp has been cleared off; the ramp length is as far as is permitted. There is a reserve item in the budget for replacement when necessary. The beach area is graded three or four times per year. People are still leaving bags of dog feces in the area, but have stopped putting them in the portable toilet.

- Athletic Field: Mr. Reeves recommended Committee give consideration to the use of the five ball diamonds on the Athletic Field. Field #4 (next to the basketball court) has little annual use. It has 90-foot base lines and has been used as a junior high field. Mr. Ankrom added that the distance between the backstop and home plate is too big and confusing for small children. Ball teams have been regrouping with other towns that are offering their playing fields. It is time to look at alternative uses for the complex and make recommendation to stakeholders. There has been discussion about using field #4 for a sand volleyball court or a dog park. Mr. Mogridge suggested that a dog park might be suitable in the area between the tennis courts and tree line.

Chair Dobbs said he has received a suggestion to use the Woodbury Road area, formerly proposed as an Emera Maine substation site, as a Town ballfield. He will forward the emails regarding this to Mr. Reeves.

ITEM 7
NEXT MEETING DATE
August 17, 2015.

ITEM 8
ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by acclamation at 4:58 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Suzanne Banis
Recording Secretary